

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

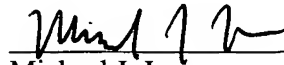
Reconsideration of this Application and entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-26 are pending in the application, with 1 and 14 being the independent claims. In response to the Office Communication dated February 10, 2005, claims 14-26 have been amended to comply with the formalities of 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(b). Claims 1-13 are as filed in the Preliminary Amendment dated October 7, 2003.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant believes all the pending claims are in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at telephone (707) 566-1746.

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